THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION

FINAL TIE BLACKBURN ROVERS V WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS

SATURDAY, MAY 7th, 1960

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

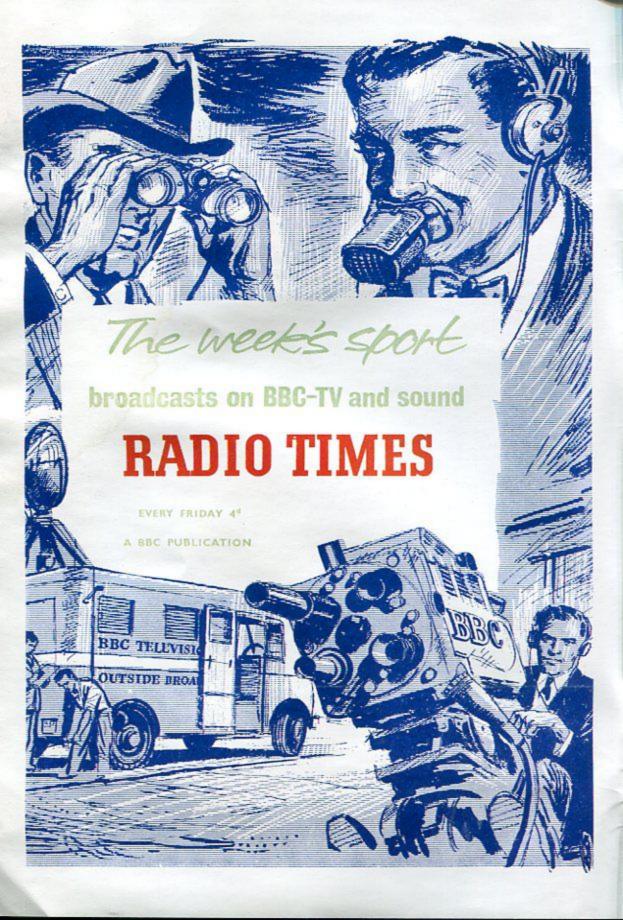


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Magic of the Cup-

By J. W. CARVOSSO

THE story of this year's Cup Final begins on a cheerless morning in January, 1959. On that day, invitations, in the shape of entry forms, were dispatched from F.A. Headquarters in London to the 92 Football League clubs and other senior professional and amateur clubs on taking part in the 1959-60 Competition.

By May 1, the closing date, 462 clubs had indicated that they wished to take part this season. Forty-one were rejected as not coming up to the required standard.

And so, on September 5, the first of the 421 clubs, as far apart as Ashington in Northumberland and Penzance in Cornwall, set out happily, if not very hopefully, of reaching Wembley.

These early matches illustrate the real spirit of the Cup: for the players and supporters alike every match is a miniature final.

When Devizes Town meets Melksham Town in the Wiltshire League it is just another match: when the magic "F.A. Cup" label is attached to the fixture, it becomes the event of the year.

Ten years ago the entries totalled over 600, but since 1950 the numbers have been reduced in stages to present more manageable proportions.

Only clubs which can satisfy the Challenge Cup Committee that their standard of play, ground facilities and support are commensurate with the competition, are now accepted.

At first this pruning came in for some criticism, especially as some of the smaller clubs, which had taken part for years, all of a sudden found they had been excluded.

FEAR KILLED

Now, however, there is general agreement that the present set-up is far more practicable: with only amateur cup ties to interfere, the smaller clubs are finding that their early season league fixtures are not just odd games here and there amid a succession of cup Saturdays.

There is danger, of course, in this pruning becoming the thin end of the wedge for the amateurs, for there could be support in some quarters for a move to make the F.A. Cup exclusively professional.

They need have no real fear of this happening, however. For the Cup without giant killers, be it Norwich City, Peterborough United, Tooting and Mitcham, or Wycombe Wanderers, would be like racing without its outsiders.

Praise, therefore, the exploits of the smaller clubs, their impish thrusts into the giant's realm, which has created that tantalizing but glorious cup uncertainty.

Praise, too, the Football League clubs, whose cup cavalcade would fill volumes. Every League club, players and supporters, have known, at one time or other, the nerve-tingling excitement of a successful cup run—and the bitter disappointment of final elimination.

Success brings with it publicity, it enlivens an otherwise humdrum routine and it focuses the national spotlight on the club, its town and citizens, for a brief but glorious spell.

Seventy-two years ago the Football League began: two of its twelve founder members are in opposition at Wembley this afternoon; both have tasted victory before, both have written memorable pages in the history of the game.

Their names conjure up vivid memories of earlier cup battles, and their appearance together on Wembley's famous turf is a tribute to the officials and players who guided their destinies for so many years.

WILL NEVER DIE

Since the war there have been two attempts to inaugurate supplementary competitions to the F.A. Cup. In 1948, a proposed Intermediary Cup for non-league professional clubs was rejected, and last year a similar idea in which the Third and Fourth Division clubs of the Football League would take part found few supporters and was dropped.

There will be others in the future, but the F.A. Cup will never die. Mighty crowds have packed every ground in the land and have helped to swell the finances of clubs and Association alike. The expectancy of the draw, the pre-match cup fever, the rattles and bells, the swaying crowd, the roar which greets the first goal, the desperate dying minutes to cling to a slender lead, when the most disciplined player can be excused for clearing his lines with a mighty kick into touch. These are the things which only the cup can produce.

And as Referee Howley whistles the start of today's Final, back at the F.A. Headquarters all entry forms for the 1960-61 competition will have been received, and in four months' time the little clubs will once again begin the long trek to Wembley, 1961.

BLACKBURN ROVERS F.C. 1959-60



Insets (left to right): KEN TAYLOR, EDDIE THOMAS, MICHAEL ENGLAND, BOBBY JONES, BILL SMITH

Standing (left to right): Mr. DALLY, DUNCAN (Manager), DAVE WHELAN, MATT WOODS, LOUIS BIMPSON, HARRY LEYLAND, DEREK DOUGAN, JOHN BRAY, JACK WEDDLE (Trainer)
Sitting (left to right): BRYAN DOUGLAS, PETER DOBING, RONNIE CLAYTON (Captain), MICK McGRATH, ALEX McLEOD

Rovers thrive on the impossible

By SAM LEITCH

THE danger-loaded path to Wembley of Blackburn Rovers this season . . . forcing replays at Sunderland and Burnley, winning away from home at Blackpool, at Tottenham and (in the Semi-Final) away from home at Maine Road . . . might seem amazing to many thousands

But not to those who know that the Rovers, formed in 1874, re-formed a year later, won every match in their first season and, as they had no ground, every success was achieved away

from home.

If ever a club thrived on the impossible, the spectacular, the dramatic and the romantic in soccer it is Blackburn Rovers. They have won the F.A. Cup six times, lost in the Final once,

and been fifteen times in the Semi-Finals.

There are some who will say the Rovers made their greatest impact on cup soccer a long time ago. For five of their cup triumphs were in the last century—a fantastic hat-trick in 1884-5-6, another splendid double in 1890-91. The lone 20th century win was in 1928, when they beat Huddersfield 3-1.

The team that day for those who like to indulge in a spot of pre-kick-off nostalgia this Cup Final Saturday was: Crawford, Hutton, Jones, Healless, Rankin, Campbell, Thornewell, Puddefoot, Roscamp, McLean and Rigby, and the goals from Roscamp (2) and McLean.

FIRST CUP TRIUMPH

Keeping on the 1880's for a little longer I have to go for the history of Blackburn's first cup win to the "Association Football" volumes, just published this year, for the scene that day,

March 29, 1884. Compare the scene then to the mighty spectacle of today.

The final was between Blackburn and Queen's Park (consisting then of the entire Scottish International side) and it was played at the Oval before 12,000 fans. When Blackburn took the field great flights of pigeons were released by the Blackburn fans, who were described the following day in the Pall Mall Gazette as "A Northern horde of uncouth garb and strange Rovers won 2-1.

That was the start of the three-in-a-row wins which, of course, has never been repeated

since. And in today's powerful competition, I doubt whether it will ever be repeated.

Those glorious 80's produced Blackburn stars like James Forrest. Through the years the thread of great names is kept with the massive Bob Crompton, Roscamp, in the 1928 Final, will certainly not be classed in the same brilliant bracket as the magnificent England Captain, but he gets a mention in the record books for scoring what is still the greatest Cup Final goal.

In thirty seconds he had demoralised the hopes of powerful Huddersfield-remember at that time they had just won the League Championship for three years running—when he shouldercharged the Huddersfield keeper over the line. And Rovers went on to win a Final few had given

them much hope of mastering.

Only a team with an unquenchable fighting spirit could be here today, for their cup ambitions for 1960 should have been abruptly squashed in the grass of Turf Moor, Burnley, way back in mid-March.

FIGHTING COME-BACK

Twenty minutes from the end of a hard Lancashire sixth round tie at Burnley, Blackburn were three goals down and the twin towers of Wembley had been apparently obliterated for yet another year. Then Blackburn were awarded a penalty which was plopped home with com-mendable calm by Bryan Douglas. Four minutes from the end Eire International and left half Mick McGrath smashed home the third equaliser.

In case you think this was the only hazard on the road here today, remember it was the same Irishman McGrath who shot home the equaliser in the last five minutes of the first fourth round

tie with Blackpool earlier in the season.

HOW BLACKBURN ROVERS REACHED WEMBLEY

Third Round (away)

Sunderland 1, BLACKBURN ROVERS 1 (Dobing)

Third Round Replay (home)

BLACKBURN ROVERS 4, Sunderland 1 (Vernon 2, MacLeod, Bimpson)

Fourth Round (home)

BLACKBURN ROVERS 1, Blackpool 1 (McGrath)

Fourth Round Replay (away)

Blackpool 0, BLACKBURN ROVERS 3 (Dobing 2, Dougan)

Tottenham Hotspur 1, BLACKBURN ROVERS 3 (Woods, Bimpson 2)

Sixth Round (away)

Burnley 3, BLACKBURN ROVERS 3 (Douglas, pen., Dobing, McGrath)

Sixth Round Replay (home)

BLACKBURN ROVERS 2, Burnley 0 (after extra time)] (Dobing, MacLeod)

Semi-Final (at Maine Road, Manchester)

BLACKBURN ROVERS 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1 (Dougan 2)

Introducing

HARRY LEYLAND, Goalkeeper

Five years ago this fine keeper's big-match career had seemingly finished. He quit Everton, where he went as a 17-year-old, and joined Southern League Tonbridge. But he had only played the first half of a trial match for them, and signed, when Blackburn manager, Johnny Carey, found himself needing a keeper in an emergency. He remembered Leyland, paid Tonbridge £600 for a player who had not even played in a League match, paid Everton a fee and Leyland has been a brilliantly safe keeper for the Rovers ever since. Height 5 ft. 10 in., weight 11 st. 5 lb.

DAVE WHELAN, Right Back

Bradford-born, he joined Rovers in the 1958-59 season from a Wigan junior club. Strong in the tackle with a wonderful recovery, he was singled out by Matt Busby eighteen months ago as "one of the most improved players of the season". Already spotted by the F.A. for representative matches. Height 5 ft. 8 in., weight 11 st. 6 lb.

KEN TAYLOR, Left Back

Born in South Shields but another of the young men brought through the youth training scheme at Blackburn and one of six men in the side who cost only a £10 signing on fee, Five years at Blackburn but now the regular choice. Height 5 ft. 7½ in., weight 11 st.

RONNIE CLAYTON, Right Half (Captain)

At 25 captain of England as well with thirty caps behind him. Straight from school to the Rovers where he appeared in the League side, and in a Cup semi-final, as a 17-year-old. Tremendous experience, hard tackler, a fighter for every one of the ninety minutes. Off the field a quiet-spoken newsagent who believes that 100 per cent. soccer ability will win every time. Height 5 ft. 10 in., weight 11 st. 4 lb.

MATT WOODS, Centre Half

Three months after goalkeeper Leyland left Everton for Blackburn, Woods did the same. He cost £6,000 and has more than repaid that fee in consistency and dourness in the middle of the field. Quit Everton because he was tired of being stand-in for Tommy Jones. Born in Skelmersdale, he tightened up the Rovers' defence immediately he came into it in 1956 after four centre halves had been tried out. Height 6 ft., weight 12 st. 6 lb.

MICK McGRATH, Left Half

Signed by former Blackburn manager Johnny Carey from Carey's old club, Home Farm, in Dublin. Now an automatic choice for Eire—following in the Carey footsteps. Tiger tackler and the man whose equalising goals saved the day against Blackpool and Burnley. Height 5 ft. 9 in., weight 10 st. 6 lb.

BRIAN DOUGLAS, Outside Right

But may appear as inside left. Local lad, recommended to the club by his mother. A sensational right wing discovery by England two years ago when he was likened to-Matthews, particularly by the Scots. Then a serious cartilage operation robbed him of a South American tour place last summer. Joined Rovers as an inside left but changed to a winger. Now at 26, back in the England side as a right winger. Height 5 ft. 5½ in., weight 9 st. 13 lb.

PETER DOBING, Inside Right

Brilliant, Manchester-born forward who signed for Blackburn on his 17th birthday. Six weeks previously he had joined the staff as an amateur straight from school. On his Army demob day this season he scored two of the goals which knocked Blackpool out of the replay. One of the England under-23 summer tour party which leaves next week. Height 5 ft. 10 in., weight 11 st. 6 lb.

DEREK DOUGAN, Centre Forward

One of the most deceptive leaders in the game today. Unpredictable, brilliant ball player and a really astute signing by manager Dally Duncan from Portsmouth in March last year when Pompey were doomed to relegation. Pompey paid the Irish club, Distillery, £4,000 in the 1957–58 season. The day Pompey signed him, in the stand also watching were managers Stan Cullis (Wolves), Raich Carter (Leeds) and Johnny Carey (Blackburn). Dougan cost Blackburn £10,000. Height 6 ft. 2 in., weight 12 st.

BLACKBURN ROVERS

LOUIS BIMPSON, Inside Left

But he may turn out today on the right wing with Bryan Douglas moving into the inside left position. A surprise signing from Liverpool last November for £6,000. This very tall forward was overshadowed at Liverpool by Billy Liddell. He was the shock hero of the day for Blackburn when his two goals knocked Spurs out of the Cup. Plays anywhere in attack. Height 6 ft. 2 in., weight 12 st. 2 lb.

ALISTAIR McLEOD, Outside Left

The only Scot in the side. Blond, and brilliant ball player who joined Rovers from St. Mirren in 1956. Then, as a 24-year-old, he cost Blackburn £6,000. Previously he played for Third Lanark. Consistent and classy, he is one of the most underrated footballers in the First Division. Height 5 ft. 10 in., weight 11 st. 6 lb.

RESERVE

ROY ISHERWOOD, Forward

Signed from non-League Nelson, but another Blackburn-born lad. Joined the Rovers in July, 1956, on amateur forms. He is the same age and height as Bryan Douglas, his great rival in Blackpool schools' teams and in the present League side. Now moved to inside forward. Height 5 ft. 5½ in., weight 10 st. 12 lb.

THE F.A. CUP COMPETITION—PAST WINNERS

THE F.A.	COI COMILE		LOSING TEAM SCORE
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1871-2 Wanderers	Royal Engineers 1-		Newcastle United 1-0 W Bromwich Albion 1-0
1872-2 Wanderers	Oxford University 2-	0 1911-2† Barnsley	TT. Dichtimical Printers
1873-4 Oxford University	Royal Engineers 2-	0 1912-3 Aston Villa	Manager and Transport
	Old Etonians 2-	0 1913-4 Burnley	ALE FEE PROPERTY
1874-5† Royal Engineers	Old Etonians 3-	0 1914-5 Sheffield United	
	Oxford University 2-	0 1919-20* Aston Villa	
	Royal Engineers 3-	1 1920-1 Tottenham Hotspur	at Care and and a contract of the contract of
	Clapham Rovers 1-	0 1921-2 Huddersfield Town	Preston North End 1-0
	Oxford University 1-	0 1922-2 Bolton Wanderers	West Ham United 2-0
1879-80 Clapham Rovers 1880-1 Old Carthusians	Old Etonians 3-	0 1923-4 Newcastle United	Aston Villa 2-0
		0 1924-5 Sheffield United	Cardiff City 1-0
1881-2 Old Etonians	Old Etonians 2	1 1925-6 Bolton Wanderers	Manchester City 1-0
1882-3† Blackburn Olympic	Oueen's Pk., Glasgow 2		Arsenal 1-0
1883-4 Blackburn Rovers	Oueen's Pk., Glasgow 2		Huddersfield Town 3-1
1884-5 Blackburn Rovers	W. Bromwich Albion 2		Portsmouth 2-0
1885-6† Blackburn Rovers		0 1929-30 Arsenal	Huddersfield Town 2-0
1886-7 Aston Villa	Preston North End 2		Birmingham 2-1
1887-8 W. Bromwich Albion		0 1931-2 Newcastle United	Arsenal 2-1
1888-9 Preston North End	Sheffield Wednesday 6		Manchester City 3-0
1889-90 Blackburn Rovers	Strettlesa recattered		Portsmouth 2-1
1890-1 Blackburn Rovers	TAUTES COMMENT	0 1934-5 Sheffield Wednesday	W. Bromwich Albion 4-2
1891-2 W. Bromwich Albion	Pentage value in	0 1935-6 Arsenal	Sheffield United 1-0
1892-3 Wolverhampton Wan.	LACITOR	1 1936-7 Sunderland	Preston North End 3-1
1893-4 Notts County	Dollon watercook	-0 1937-8* Preston North End	Huddersfield Town 1-0
1894-5 Aston Villa		-1 1938-9 Portsmouth	Wolverhampton Wan. 4-1
1895-6 Sheffield Wednesday	AT CITY CHARLES PORT TO THE COLUMN	2 1945-6* Derby County	Charlton 4-1
1896-7 Aston Villa	4-16-16-0-1	-1 1946-7* Charlton	Burnley 1-0
1897-8 Notts Forest	Lycity Country	1 1947-8 Manchester United	Blackpool 4-2
1898-9 Sheffield United	Derey county	-0 1948-9 Wolverhampton Wan.	Leicester 3-1
1899-1900 Bury	200 Criminal Action		* 1
1900-1† Tottenham Hotspur	Discussion Comment	-1 1949-50 Arsenal -1 1950-1 Newcastle United	D11 1 2 - 0
1901-2† Sheffield United	Southernhann	-0 1951-2 Newcastle United	Arsenal 1-0
1902-3 Bury	Derby County	-0 1952-3 Blackpool	Bolton Wanderers 4-3
1903-4 Manchester City	Bollon wanderers		Preston North End 3-2
1904-5 Aston Villa			2.4
1905-6 Everton	Life it consists of parties and		Witness Committee of the Committee of th
1906-7 Sheffield Wednesday	Liver tools		3.5 3.5 3.7 3.7 3.1
1907-8 Wolverhampton Wan.	Lichensine Country		Manchester United 2-0
1908-9 Manchester United	Bristol City		
1909-10† Newcastle United	Barnsley 2		Autor avenue
AND STREET, ST	* After extra time.	† After a drawn game.	

TODAY'S REFEREE

MR. KEVIN HOWLEY (North Riding)

Thirty-five-year-old Kevin Howley is one of the youngest referees ever to officiate in a Final.

He has had a meteoric rise to the No. 1 honour—just six seasons as a Football League referee and two on the F.A. International list.

In the past four years he has handled three sixth-round F.A. Cup ties, four semifinals, one Scottish international match, one Young England game and two European Cup ties. He is married and has two sons. In the last five years, more people
have changed to Senior Service than to
any other brand. There must be a reason.
If you smoke them, you know it. If you
don't, you will enjoy finding out.



VIRGINIA TOBACCO AT ITS BEST

FLASHBACKS TO THE 1959 FINAL



An acrobatic clearance by Luton's RON BAYNHAM, as TOM WILSON, Forest's centre-forward, dashes in.



(Wembley Stadium Photos)



Table and Programme of Music

1.30 pm to 2.20 pm

THE MASSED BANDS OF THE IRISH GUARDS AND WELSH GUARDS

1. March					"Triumph of Right"	***	7888	788	Lovell
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3. Selection		100		444	" Gigi "	***	***	***	Loewe
4. Selection	***		***		" Can Can "		***		Porter
5. Valse				***	" Charm of the Valse "			***	arr. Winter
6. Selection			***	***	"The Pajama Game "		***		Adler
7. Novelty					" Swedish Rhapsody "		***	***	Alfven
8. March		***		***	"Cockleshell Heroes"		***		Dunn

2.30 pm to 2.50 pm

COMMUNITY SINGING

(Arranged by the Daily Express)

Conductor: ARTHUR CAIGER, D.C.M.

Accompanied by THE BAND OF THE COLDSTREAM GUARDS

2.55 pm

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

PRESENTATION OF THE TEAMS TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, K.G., K.T.

3.00 pm 3.45 pm

Kick-Off

Half-Time

MARCHING DISPLAY BY THE MASSED BANDS OF THE BRIGADE OF GUARDS

THE GRENADIER GUARDS

By permission of Colonel A. M. H. Gregory-Hood, O.B.E., M.C. Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Grenadier Guards Director of Music: Lieut.-Colonel F. J. Harris, O.B.E., A.R.C.M., p.s.m. Senior Director of Music Brigade of Guards

THE COLDSTREAM GUARDS

By permission of Colonel R. J. V. Crichton, M.C.

Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Coldstream Guards Director of Music: Lieut.-Colonel D. A. Pope, A.R.C.M., p.s.m.

THE SCOTS GUARDS

By permission of Colonel The Earl Cathcart, D.S.O., M.C.
Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Scots Guards
Director of Music: Lieutenant J. Howe, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., p.s.m.

THE IRISH GUARDS

By permission of Colonel H. L. S. Young, D.S.O.

Lieu; enant-Colonel Commanding Irish Guards

Director of Music: Major C. H. Jaeger, Mus.Bac., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., p.s.m.

THE WELSH GUARDS

By permission of Colonel H. C. L. Dimsdale, O.B.E., M.C.

Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Welsh Guards Director of Music: Major F. L. Statham, M.B.E., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., p.s.m.

4.40 pm

End of Match

PRESENTATION OF THE TROPHY AND MEDALS BY H.R.H. THE DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Note: If the Match is a draw after 90 minutes' play, an extra half-hour will be played. (Cover Photo by courtesy Fox Photos)



BLACKBURN ROVERS



(Blue and White Shirts, White Shorts)

Goal
H. LEYLAND

Right Back
J. BRAY

3 Left Back D. WHELAN

Right Half
R. CLAYTON (Capt.)

5 Centre Half M. WOODS Left Half M. McGRATH

Inside Right
P. DOBING

10
Inside Left
B. DOUGLAS

7
Outside Right
L. BIMPSON

Centre Forward
D. DOUGAN

Outside Left
A. McLEOD

Referee K. HOWLEY (North Riding)



Linesmen:
R. H. WINDLE (Derbyshire)
Orange Flag
F. REID (Hertfordshire)
Flame Flag

Outside Left
D. HORNE

9 Centre Forward J. MURRAY Outside Right
N. DEELEY

10
Inside Left
P. BROADBENT

Inside Right
B. STOBART

6 Left Half R. FLOWERS

Centre Half
B. SLATER (Capt.)

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Right Half
E. CLAMP

3 Left Back G. HARRIS

Right Back
G. SHOWELL

Goal
M. FINLAYSON

* WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS *

(Gold Shirts, Black Shorts)

Ten Glorious Years

BY HAROLD MAYES

OLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS' eighth F.A. Cup Final appearance, and their third visit to Wembley, comes just a year late in the ten-year cycle which has marked the rise of the Midlands club into a great football power since the 1930's.

The golden-shirted Molineux team came to the Empire Stadium in 1939 as the hottest favourites of all time, confidently tipped to beat Portsmouth to crown the glorious years of the management era of Major Frank Buckley. They crashed 4-1.

Their centre-half and captain that day was Stanley Cullis. Just ten years later they were back again, on that occasion with captain Cullis as manager Cullis, and Billy Wright, the man who became an England legend in his lifetime, as their skipper.

On that visit they made no mistake, beating Second Division Leicester City by 3-1, with goals scored by Jesse Pye (2) and Irishman Sammy Smythe.

The fact that they come again in 1960 instead of 1959, however, does not suggest they have been slacking in the meantime. Far from it.

SOARING SIXTIES

Just a quick glance at the record since Mr. Cullis took over to take them through the

fighting fifties into the soaring sixties makes that obvious.

After the Cup victory of 1949 they were runners-up for the Football League Championship in 1950. In 1953 they were placed third in the First Division. They won the championship in 1954, were runners-up the following year, and in 1956 were again in third place.

And while they were neglecting to complete the ten-year Wembley cycle in 1959, they were,

in fact, retaining the League title they had again collected the previous year.

That is the kind of record which has made Wolverhampton a power in football beyond the confines of these islands, with a fine series of successes to their credit against overseas teams since the advent of floodlighting, and some heart-warming performances in the European Cup Competition for good measure.

Last season was one of the finest in the club's history. Each of the club's teams headed the league in which it competed, the F.A. Youth Cup was also won, and only the F.A. Cup and the European Cup of all the competitions in which they took part failed to find resting-places in

the Molineux boardroom.

Certainly those are magnificent achievements for a club which, although it was among the founder members of the Football League, had really been regarded as more of a Cup-fighting outfit than anything else until the last couple of decades.

THIRD WEMBLEY VISIT

They made four final appearances before the first World War, beating Everton and Newcastle United, and losing to Preston North End and Sheffield Wednesday. Their fifth final brought defeat by the great Tottenham Hotspur side of 1921.

Now their third Wembley visit today gives them their opportunity to chalk up their fourth success, which would give them a fifty per cent, victory record in finals, something of which any

club could be proud.

And their performance this season has been achieved, of course, while they have been performing as soundly as ever in their quest for a third successive League championship—and, of course, the oft-anticipated but so seldom realised double event.

It was back in 1877 that the club came into existence, under the name of Blakenhall St. Luke's. Before long, they linked with Wanderers' Cricket Club, and then they found opposition from Stafford Road Football Club, a leading side in the district up to that time.

Eventually, a challenge game was played, with Wanderers winning 5-1, and, since there still appeared to be dispute, a second game was played, resulting in Stafford Road being beaten by 2-0.

Which seems to suggest that, nothing suits Wolves better than a challenge.

HOW WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS REACHED WEMBLEY

Third Round (away)

Newcastle United 2, WOLVERHAMPTON W. 2 (Flowers, Clamp)

Third Round Replay (home)

WOLVERHAMPTON W. 4, Newcastle United 2 (Murray, Deeley, Flowers, Horne)

Fourth Round (home)

WOLVERHAMPTON W. 2, Charlton Athletic I (Horne, Broadbent)

Fifth Round (away)

Luton Town 1, WOLVERHAMPTON W. 4 (Murray, Mason 2, Clamp)

Sixth Round (away)

Leicester City 1, WOLVERHAMPTON W. 2 (Broadbent, Chalmers o.g.)

Semi-Final (at The Hawthorns, West Bromwich) WOLVERHAMPTON W. 1, Aston Villa 0 (Decley)

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS F.C. 1959-60



Back Row (left to right): EDDIE STUART, EDDIE CLAMP, MALCOLM FINLAYSON, JIMMY MURRAY, RON FLOWERS, GEOFF SIDEBOTTOM, GEORGE SHOWELL, GERRY HARRIS.
Iddle Row (left to right): Mr. STAN CULLIS (Manager), GERRY MANNION, PETER BROADBENT, BILL SLATER (Captain), BOBBY MASON, NORMAN DEELEY, JOE GARDINER (Trainer).
Photo courtesy Express and Star, Wolverhamm

Middle Row (left to right):

Photo courtesy Express and Star, Wolverhampton

Introducing

MALCOLM FINLAYSON, Goalkeeper

A Scot from Alexandria, near the southern shore of Loch Lomond, Finlayson took the high road into English football with Millwall, with whom he had conspicuous success before going to Molineux. Quiet and reserved off the field, he is fearless and commanding in action. Height 6 ft. 1½ in., weight 13 st. 7 lb.

GEORGE SHOWELL, Right Back

Born at Bilston, in Staffordshire, Showell joined Wolves from school. For a long time he lived in the shadow of Billy Wright, England's "centenarian" international, and made his way into the Wanderers' first eleven at centre half when Wright retired. Filled the full back berth in the semi-final against Aston Villa. Height 5 ft. 9\frac{3}{2} in., weight 12 st. 4 lb.

GERRY HARRIS, Left Back

An England under-23 international, Harris is another Staffordshire product, hailing from Claverley. A sound tackler, and also excels at recovery. Height 5 ft. 10 in., weight 11 st. 12 lb.

EDWIN CLAMP, Right Half

Tall and commanding, a fearless tackler, former England Schoolboy international Clamp, who has four full caps for England, was born at Coalville, in Leicestershire. Height 5 ft. 11½ in., weight 11 st. 10 lb.

BILL SLATER, Centre Half (Captain)

Born at Clitheroe, Lancashire, Slater saw service with Blackpool and Brentford before joining Wolves, while still an amateur, in 1952. This is his second Cup Final visit to Wembley, for he was a member of Blackpool's 1951 side beaten by Newcastle United. Before he became a professional in the 1953-54 season, he played for England amateur sides on numerous occasions, and is also a full international. Height 6 ft., weight 12 st. 8 lb.

RON FLOWERS, Left Half

A Yorkshireman from Edlington, this stylish, attacking half-back joined Wolves from a junior club, Wath Wanderers. Has been honoured with under-23 and full international recognition for England. Height 5 ft. 11 in., weight 12 st. 9 lb.

GERRARD MANNION, Outside Right

The youngest player in the side, Mannion, who was born at Newton-le-Willows, had his F.A. Cup baptism in the semi-final against Aston Villa, his first appearance in the senior side this season. An England youth international, he joined Wolves' ground staff in 1957. Height 5 ft. 9 in., weight 11 st.

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A clever ball player and a shrewd tactician, Mason does a lot of unobtrusive scheming, but is a good marksman, too, as some of his important goals on the way to Wembley indicate. A native of Tipton, Staffordshire, he went to Molineux in 1953. Height 5 ft. 7½ in., weight 10 st. 7 lb.

JIMMY MURRAY, Centre Forward

A schoolboy companion of his inside partner, Peter Broadbent, Murray, tall and angular, was born at Elvington, near Dover. Went to Wolves as a ground staff boy, and signed professional in 1953. An England under-23 international. Height 5 ft. 10 in., weight 11 st. 11 lb.

PETER BROADBENT, Inside Left

Dover-born, he began his professional career with Brentford, and joined Wanderers for a big fee in 1951. An England World Cup player, he has been on almost constant call for several seasons. Height 5 ft. 9½ in., weight 11 st. 8 lb.

NORMAN DEELEY, Outside Left

Capped at wing-half as a schoolboy, his lack of inches eventually made him settle down as a winger. A native of Wednesbury, Staffordshire, he joined Wolves after his schoolboy successes in 1948, and has retained possession of his place, despite the fact that his club signed two international wingers, Harry Hooper and Jackie Henderson—and parted with them—during his tenure. Scored the semi-final goal which assured Wolves' appearance here today. Height 5 ft. 5 in., weight 10 st. 2 lb.

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GEOFF SIDEBOTTOM, Goalkeeper

A native of Mapplewell, Yorkshire, he came into the side for the fifth round tie against Luton Town, after Finlayson had been injured playing against Barcelona in the European Cup. Another product of Wath Wanderers. Height 5 ft. 9½ in., weight 11 st. 11 lb.

EDDIE STUART, Full Back

A South African from Johannesburg, Stuart was given the club captaincy when Billy Wright retired. Subsequently lost his place to George Showell. Height 6 ft., weight 12 st. 7 lb.

BARRY STOBART, Centre Forward

A professional since 1955, Stobart recently completed his National Service in the R.A.F., and earned his place in the senior side only a few weeks ago. A native of Brodsworth, Yorkshire. Height 5 ft. 8½ in., weight 11 st. 3 lb.

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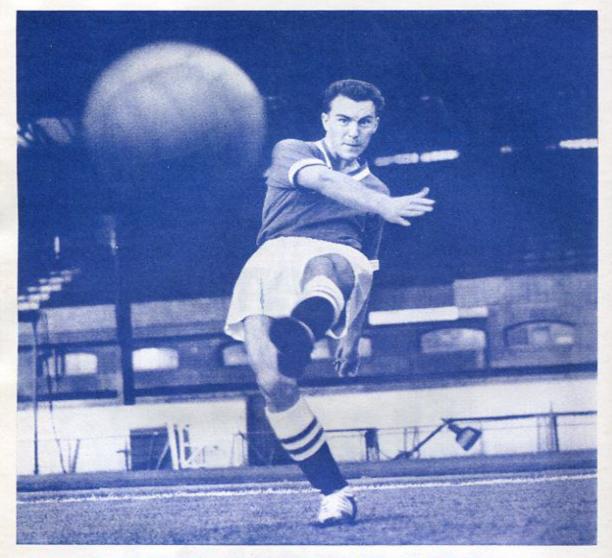


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